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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/865,296

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Daniel S. Metzmaier

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 8, 10-16, 19-27, 37-43 and 52-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 8, 10-16, 19, 22-27, 37-43 and 52-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20 and 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-16, 19-27, 37-43 and 52-67 are pending in the instant application. Claims 5-6, 9, 17-18, 28-36 and 44-51 have been canceled.

Double Patenting

1. Claims 39 and 53 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 7 and 41, respectively. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. 1-4, 7-8, 10-16, 19-27, 37-43 and 52-67

4. Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-16, 19, 22-27, 37-43 and 52-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims (claim 1 and 59) define "from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion of an oil emulsifier, wherein the emulsifier comprises one or more non-ionic emulsifier(s)". Said language is confusing and indefinite because the use of "an" defines and/or suggest a single emulsifier while the claims and the specification are also open to an emulsifier package. It is suggested applicants employ the language "from

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0.02 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion of an oil total emulsifier". Please contrast with claims 20 and 21.

Claims 7, 8, 39-41 employ open language, "comprising", to further define a species of the claim 1 emulsifiers. It is unclear what is the intended scope of said claims. It is unclear whether these are intended to be further ingredients of the emulsifier, which have been defined in the Markush grouping employing closed language in claim 1, or a narrower definition of the species set forth in claim 1. Attention is directed to M.P.E.P. § 2173.05(h).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 20 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-16, 19, 22-27, 37-43 and 52-67 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Arguments


7. Applicant's arguments filed January 15, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
8. Applicants assert the amendments have addressed the issues of record. The above noted issues remain.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S. Metzmaier whose telephone number is (703) 308-0451. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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